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A Comprehensive Immunization Strategy to Eliminate Transmission of HBV in the US

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Each year, Hepatitis B kills about 700,000 people throughout the world. Hepatitis B can cause liver failure and liver cancer. It's often spread by mother to child at the time of birth and in adults during unprotected sex. It can also be spread through exposure to blood.

With more babies being vaccinated, there are fewer new cases, especially in children and teens. However, many adults at risk for Hepatitis B remain unvaccinated. CDC researchers recently updated their recommendations to increase the number of adults being immunized.

You should consider getting vaccinated:

- if you live with someone who has hepatitis B;
- if you have unprotected sex with multiple partners;
- if you're exposed to blood because of dialysis, your occupation, or injection drug use, or
- if you wish to be protected from this disease.

If you want to be vaccinated or have questions, talk to your doctor.

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